editorial opinion page

Salaries would give incentive for work in ASUN positions

The three major ASUN committee chairmanships are volunteer positions. Two of

them also are vacant positions.

Perhaps there is a correlation between the two facts. Most students don't have much time to give away these days. Many of them have to earn at least part of their college expenses. Even if they don't, a student's time is valuable of itself.

If the three major chairmanships were paid positions, perhaps ASUN could attract top-quality students to them and then could retain those students in the posts.

The chairmanships of the Education and the Student Services Committees have been vacant for at least two weeks. No pay was part of the reason the chairmen gave for

The jobs are time consuming. Chairmen usually devote about 10 to 15 hours a week to their ASUN duties, according to ASUN First Vice President Sharon Johnson. In that time, they have organized worthwhile programs for

students, including the Nebraska Free University, legal seminars and the book

exchange.
At its meeting tonight, the ASUN Senate should approve Government Bill No. 53, which would provide \$100-a-semester salaries for the two chairmen, as well as for the chairman of the Student Rights Committee. Part of the salaries-\$200-would come out of funds alloted ASUN for the liaison program (now part of the communications program). The remaining \$600 would come from part of the salaries for an ASUN press secretary and for an administrative assistant.

Although the committee chairmen's salaries would be much less than a student could earn doing some other type of job, they at least might provide an incentive for persons to apply for the positions.

You can't get much for nothing these days-and that includes leadership in student government.

Jane Owens



Dear Editor,

This is to comment on Amy Struthers column about changing the term housewife to homemaker ("Broad Side," Daily Nebraskkan, Nov. 1). While the article had good intentions, the writer really fouled up about Social Security.

In writing about giving Social Security benefits to homemakers, the author suggested the homemakers wouldn't be paying anything into the program. Where did she ever get the idea that the government gives anyone anything for nothing? Homemakers would pay into Social Security on a yearly basis and, thus, be able to receive retirement benefits. This is the plan before Congress.

As for paying income tax, has the author ever heard of couples filing income tax forms together? It's too bad an article with good intentions was ruined by a lack of research.

A Concerned Woman

Rocky makes loans to poor credit risk- his wife

Personally, I feel these attacks on Mr. Rockefeller are not only scurrilous but downright illogical. After all, he's the only politician in the country who's on the give.

I'm confident he will explain fully to Congress how he gave or loaned a couple or three million (who counts?) to friends, employes, neighbors, cousins and offspring. But I can't see how he's going to explain loaning \$15,000 to his wife, Happy.

I suppose it could happen in any typical American home. It's a difficult scene to envision, however.

Scene: Rocky is seated behind his desk in his study. Happy enters, shopping bag in

Happy: I have to go to the store, dear.

Could I borrow \$15,000?

Rocky: Always glad to help out a wife, fella. And at the prime rate, too. Just make yourself comfortable in that chair there while I fill out your loan application.

Happy (testily): Why do I have to fill out a form? I saw that list of your debtors in the paper. Just give me one good reason why you loaned that pretty Joan Braden \$10,283 last New Year's Eve.

Rocky: It was all I had on me, fella. Now

then, occupation?

Happy: Homemaker, as you well know.

Rocky: Unemployed, eh? And you women wonder why you have trouble getting loans. Answer the phone, will you.

Happy (hands over the receiver): It's your son, Rodman. He wants to know if he can borrow the family car and \$27,000.

Rocky: Tell him I'm not using either. Glad to hear he's got a date. Let's see here. Do you own your own home, the one you say you're making?

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Happy: You know very well it's your home,

Rocky: Unemployed, homeless....Drat, there's the phone again.

Happy (answering): It's your cousin, Winthrop Aldrich. You know, the one who used to be chairman of The Chase Manhattan Bank. He wants to borrow your lawnmower and \$12,000.

Rocky: Anything for a cousin. And remind me to close my account there before the word gets out. Where were we? Oh, yes. Number

of years at present address?

Happy: But we just moved out of the

Governor's Mansion, dear.

Rocky: Unemployed, homeless, no permanent address....What about name of last employer as credit reference?

Happy: It was you, dear. Remember? I worked as your secretary when you were first elected Governor in 1958

Rocky (writing): Previous employer out of business. Now, any history of (check one) insanity, lewd conduct, bankruptcy.... Doesn't that phone ever stop?

Happy (answering): It's your son, Steve. He wants to borrow one of the other family cars and \$12,600.

Rocky: Okay, but why can't that kid date a better class of girl like his brother? Last question: Husband's occupation?

Happy: But dear, you're currently unem-

Rocky (tearing up the form): Well, fella, there goes your credit rating.

Perhaps it didn't happen like this. But if not, how can Mr. Rockefeller justify to Congress his ambition to be vice president and economic trouble-shooter when he goes around making loans to poor credit risks like

